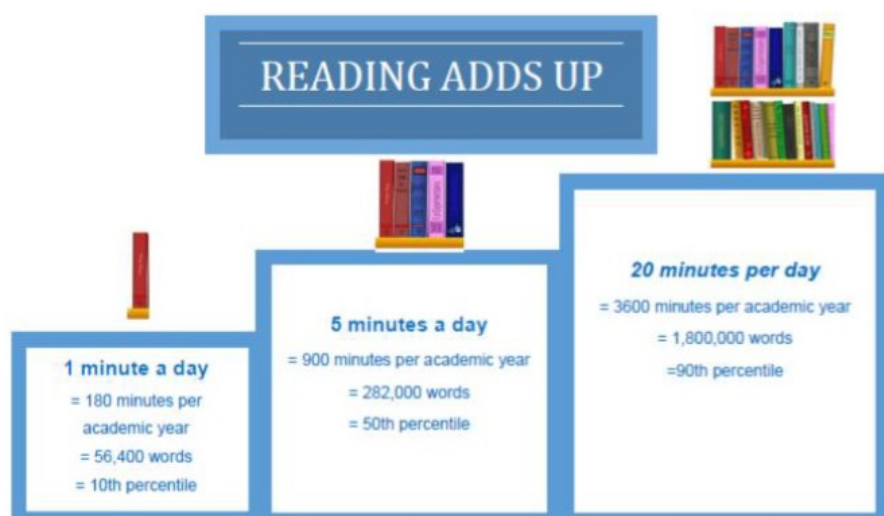## Headteacher's news:

Happy New Year!

I hope that this issue finds you and your families well and that you had a chance to relax over the Christmas break.

I always look positively at the Spring Term and regard it as a period of schooling for the children where accelerated progress takes place. The children are more than familiar with routines and expectations and can build upon prior knowledge to thrive with their learning.

Covid continues to bring us challenges and we need to keep working together to minimise the disruption to our children's education. The Risk Assessment was updated on 5 January to reflect the latest guidelines.

Have a good weekend.

Some of us may have cut back on reading regularly with our children at home in the last few weeks (I know this is true in my household) but now is the time to remind ourselves of the importance of reading. Please support your child with this.

READING ADDS UP

1 minute a day
= 180 minutes per academic year
= 56,400 words
= 10th percentile

5 minutes a day
= 900 minutes per academic year
= 282,000 words
= 50th percentile

20 minutes per day
= 3600 minutes per academic year
= 1,800,000 words
= 90th percentile

Research shows that a child who reads every day does better at every stage of their education.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

| Nursery | Reception | Y1 Pear | Y1/2 Lime | Y2 Cherry |

| Y3 Willow | Y3/4 Cedar | Y4 Beech |

| Y5 Oak | Y5/6 Ash | Y6 Maple |

This week in assembly we focussed on: **opening doors!**

We discussed the Roman god Janus and how he had the ability to look forward and back in time. Janus was known as the god of doors and doorways and it was thought that because he had two faces, he could see forwards and backwards at the same time. In fact, January - the first month of the year - is named after him. In January, we often take the time to look backwards at the previous year and forwards towards the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 8 Feb 3:40-7:00pm &
Wed 9 Feb 3:40-6:00pm: Parents' Evening
Mon 14 March 2022: Teacher Training Day - school will be closed to the children